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CE-04-38  
OR 51261  
Lane County Sheriff  
(Amateur Radio Operators)

United States  
Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Land Management  
Eugene District Office

#### CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW

Background: Huckleberry Mountain (within Lot 21, Section 6, T. 24 S., R. 01 W., Will. Mer.) is the location of an established BLM communication site (reference the Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, map #11). Two users currently occupy space on Huckleberry Mountain: the BLM, which operates a private mobile radio service from an existing building and tower; and the Lane County Sheriffs Amateur Radio Operators volunteer organization, which operates an aircraft emergency monitoring system utilizing space in the existing BLM building and an antenna placed on the existing BLM tower.

The BLM land that Huckleberry Mountain and right-of-way grant OR 51261 are located on is managed under standards, guidelines, and objectives established for the land use allocation Late Sucessional Reserve as described in the Record of Decision Document for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl, (April, 1994), and the Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, (June, 1995).

The BLM issued right-of-way grant OR 51261 to the Lane County Sheriffs Amateur Radio Operators in November, 1994. The grant had an original expiration date of December 31, 1999 and was subsequently renewed until December 31, 2004, under Categorical Exclusion 00-08. This grant authorizes the operation, maintenance, and termination of a radio paging transmitter, co-located in the existing BLM facilities, for the purpose of supporting Lane County Sheriff's Office search and rescue operations for downed aircraft in southeastern Lane County. In June, 2004, a representative of the Lane County Sheriffs Amateur Radio Operators provided a written request to renew the right-of-way grant for a five-year period in accordance with provision 2.d. of the grant and 43 CFR 2803.6-5. Privileges authorized under right-of-way grant OR 51261 are currently being exercised consistently with the originally-intended use.

Proposed Action: The proposed action is to issue a BLM decision extending the expiration date of grant OR 51261 for a period of five years. The expiration date for the grant would become December 31, 2009. All other terms and conditions of the right-of-way grant would continue in effect. No ground disturbing activities are associated with this proposed action.

Decision: It is my decision to renew right-of-way grant OR 51261 for a five year period, extending its expiration date to December 31, 2009. All other existing terms and conditions included in grant OR 51261 will remain in effect.

Rationale: The proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion as described in the Departmental Manual (516 DM 6.5, Appendix 5.4 E9) and does not meet any of the exception criteria.

Provision E9 reads as follows: Renewals and assignments of leases, permits or rights-of-way where no additional rights are conveyed beyond those granted by the original authorizations.

Renewing the term of the right-of-way grant is consistent with condition 2.d. of the grant and 43 CFR 2803.6-5, and it is consistent with the standards, guidelines, and objectives for the Late Sucessional Reserve land use allocation and the Rights-of-Way program as described in the Record of Decision Document for Amendments to Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management Planning Documents Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl, (April, 1994), and the Eugene District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan, (June, 1995).

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Date: 7/1/04

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Exception Criteria Review Checklist

Proposed Action: Renewing, for a five-year period, right-of-way grant OR 51261, which authorizes the Lane County Sheriffs Amateur Radio Operators to operate, maintain, and terminate an aircraft emergency monitoring station on Huckleberry Mountain. The new expiration date for the grant would become December 31, 2009.

Review the proposed action against each of the ten criteria listed below. If the project meets one or more of the criteria, it is an exception from categorical exclusion and MUST be analyzed in an EA or EIS. To qualify as a Categorical Exclusion the proposed action may not meet any of the criteria. If the criterion does not apply, indicate "Not Applicable." Any mitigation measures (such as contract stipulations or terms and conditions on permits) necessary to ensure that the proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion should be identified at the bottom of the page.

Exception Criteria		Comments
1.	Have significant adverse effects on public health or safety	No.
2.	Have adverse effects on unique resources (i.e., parks, recreation, refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, wetlands, floodplains, etc.)	No.
3.	Have highly controversial environmental effects	No.
4.	Have highly uncertain environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks	No.
5.	Establish a precedent that could result in significant impacts	No.
6.	Be directly related to other actions having cumulatively significant effects	No.
7.	Have adverse effects on cultural or historical resources	No.
8.	Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed as threatened or endangered or have adverse effect on designated critical habitat for these species.	No.
9.	Require compliance with E.O. 11988 (floodplain management), E.O. 11990 (protection of wetlands), or the Fish & Wildlife Coordination Act	No.
10.	Threaten to violate Federal, State, Local or Tribal law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment	No.

Mitigation measures needed to qualify as CE:

None.

Reviewed By: Christie Hardenbrook  
Above mitigation measures have been adopted and will be implemented.

Date: 7/1/04

Field Manager: Diana Bus, Acting

Date: 7/1/04

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